



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy depends upon clear, well-maintained highways; and

WHEREAS, in winter, clear highways are essential to keeping Wisconsin open for business; and

WHEREAS, during the winter months, Wisconsin receives up to 50 inches of snow in the south and as much as 200 inches of snow in the far north; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's workforce relies on safe, convenient highway transportation to get to jobs and Wisconsin's citizens depend upon trucks to deliver raw materials to factories for just-in-time production, finished goods to stores, and food items to grocery stores; and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's 114,000 miles of roads and streets free of snow and ice during the winter months is a monumental task that falls solely upon the county and municipal highway departments of the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy depends upon the 2-3,000 snowplow drivers who work long, hard hours during the worst driving conditions to ensure that the rest of us continue to have access to our jobs, schools, stores, medical services and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, ice and snow on highways present special hazards to motor vehicle occupants, children in school buses, and pedestrians;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's snowplow drivers use innovative technologies and techniques to help prevent frost or ice from forming in the first place, thereby keeping highways safer; and

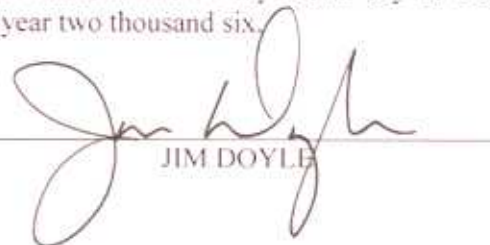
WHEREAS the week of November 13 – 17 is Wisconsin's Winter Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim **November 15, 2006**

SNOWPLOW DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

in the State of Wisconsin and urge all citizens of Wisconsin to reflect upon the valuable service performed by snowplow drivers, to exercise caution whenever encountering snowplows upon our highways, and to limit non-essential driving during periods of the worst driving conditions to allow snowplow drivers to safely and efficiently clear our streets and highways.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-fourth day of October in the year two thousand six.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor


DOUGLAS LAFOLLETTE
Secretary of State